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SUBJECT: SENATOR CHURCH REPORT ON ARAMCO ACTIVITIES

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FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR JAMES AKINS WHO IS VACATIONING IN VOSGES MOUNTAINS AND WHO WE UNDERSTAND HAS LEFT INSTRUCTIONS WITH CONGEN ON HOW HE CAN BE REACHED.

2. WE HAVE SENT BY SEPTTEL TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED AUGUST 7 BY SENATOR CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. STATEMENT AND PORTION OF TRANSCRIPT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JUNE 20, 1974 DISCUSS WHAT IS DE-CONFIDENTIAL

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SCRIBED AS YOUR EFFORTS TO GET OIL COMPANIES TO URGE CHANGE

IN US MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

3. TESTIMONY FOCUSES ON TWO ARAMCO CABLES. ONE IS A CABLE SENT BY ARAMCO'S MIKE AMEEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1973 (NO DATE GIVEN) WHERE AMEEN REPORTS HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM YOU REQUESTING AMEEN TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE BEFORE HIS LEAVING FOR SAUDI ARABIA TO CARRY A MESSAGE FOR YAMANI. PORTION OF CABLE READS QTE: ON ARRIVAL AKINS SAID HE WAS GOING TO TELL AMEEN SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT KNOWN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND KNOWN TO VERY FEW IN

THE WHITE HOUSE. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT'S CHIEF DOMESTIC AIDE, ERLICHMAN, WAS PLANNING A TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA AROUND APRIL AND ERLICHMAN HAD REQUESTED AKINS SET UP SOME KIND OF PROGRAM INDICATING WHO AND WHAT HE WOULD SEE WHILE IN SAUDI ARABIA. AKINS MADE UP A TENTATIVE PLAN TO HAVE ERLICHMAN VISIT WITH THE KING AND THE MINISTER OF FINANCE. AKINS WANTED AMEEN TO TELL YAMANI IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE, YAMANI, TAKE ERLICHMAN UNDER HIS WING AND SEE TO IT THAT ERLICHMAN WAS GIVEN THE MESSAGE WE SAUDIS LOVE YOU PEOPLE BUT YOUR AMERICAN POLICY IS HURTING US. UNQUOTE.

4. OTHER CABLE IS DATED OCTOBER 26 FROM ARAMCO MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS IN DHAHRAN TO OWNER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES. MESSAGE READS QTE: LAST NIGHT CONSULATE READ TO TAYLOR PRIVATE EYES ONLY MESSAGE FROM AKINS TO TAYLOR ADVISING AKINS AGREED WITH OUR ASSESSMENT ENTIRELY AND URGED THAT INDUSTRY LEADERS IN USA USE THEIR CONTACTS AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF USG TO HAMMER HOME THE POINT THAT OIL RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT GOING TO BE LIFTED UNLESS POLITICAL STRUGGLE IS SETTLED IN MANNER SATISFACTORY TO ARABS.

5. RELEASE OF STATEMENT AND TESTIMONY HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN MEDIA WITH WASHINGTON POST HEADLINE QTE: OIL FIRMS OBEYED FAISAL AGAINST ISRAEL, SENATORS FIND, AND WASHINGTON STAR FOCUSING MORE ON WARNINGS WHICH ADMINISTRATION ALLEGEDLY IGNORED WITH HEADLINE US DISMISSED OIL EMBARGO WARNING AS BLUFF.
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6. DURING MY TESTIMONY IN OPEN SESSION AUGUST 7 BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSIAN GULF, CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON REFERRED TO THESE ARTICLES AND TO YOUR REPORTED EFFORTS USE OIL COMPANIES TO APPROACH USG AT HIGHEST LEVEL. I INDICATED THAT I COULD NOT COMMENT WITHOUT STUDYING FULL CHURCH REPORT AND CONSULTING WITH YOU. HAMILTON ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT INSERT STATEMENT

FOR RECORD. WHILE I ENDEAVORED TO DISCOURAGE THIS,
HAMILTON PRESSED HARD AND I FELT IT NECESSARY TO AGREE
TO SUBMIT SOME STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD.

7. WE ARE POUCHING TO YOU AND TO JIDDA AND DHAHRAN
COPIES OF TESTIMONY WHICH LENGTHY AND DETAILED. IN
MEANTIME, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING ME YOUR PRE-
LIMINARY VIEWS ON RESPONSE WHICH WE COULD CONSIDER
FURNISHING TO THE COMMITTEE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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